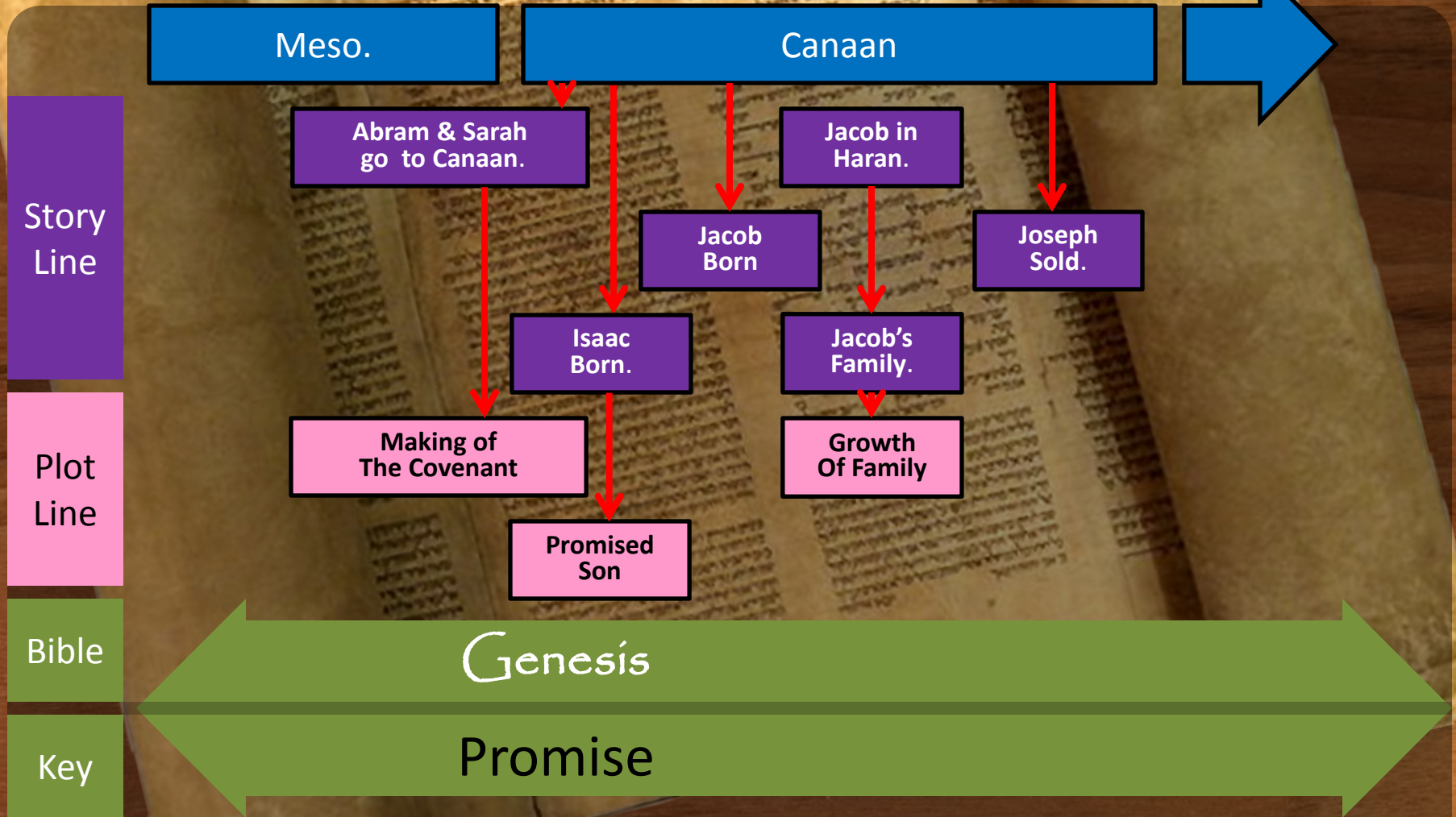




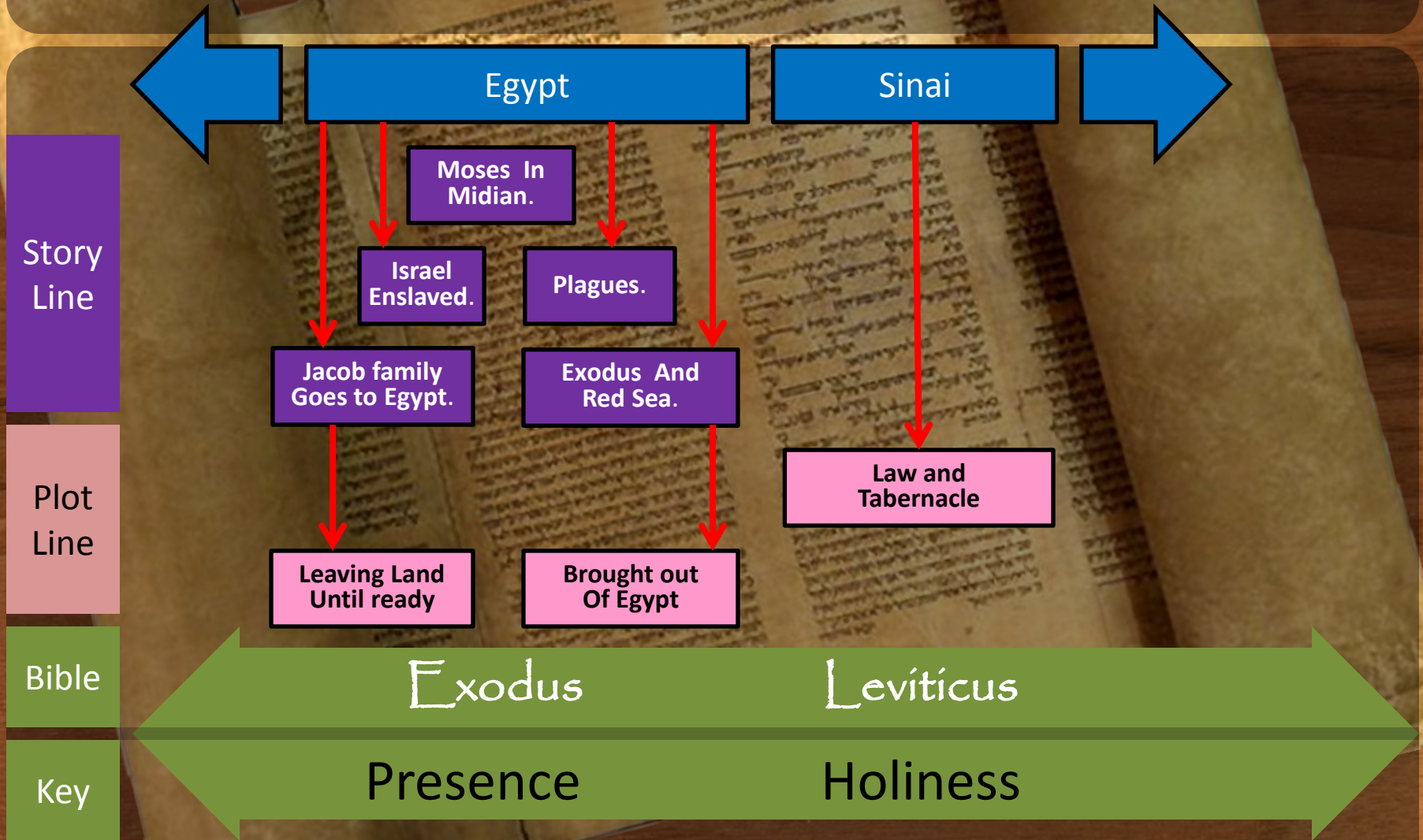
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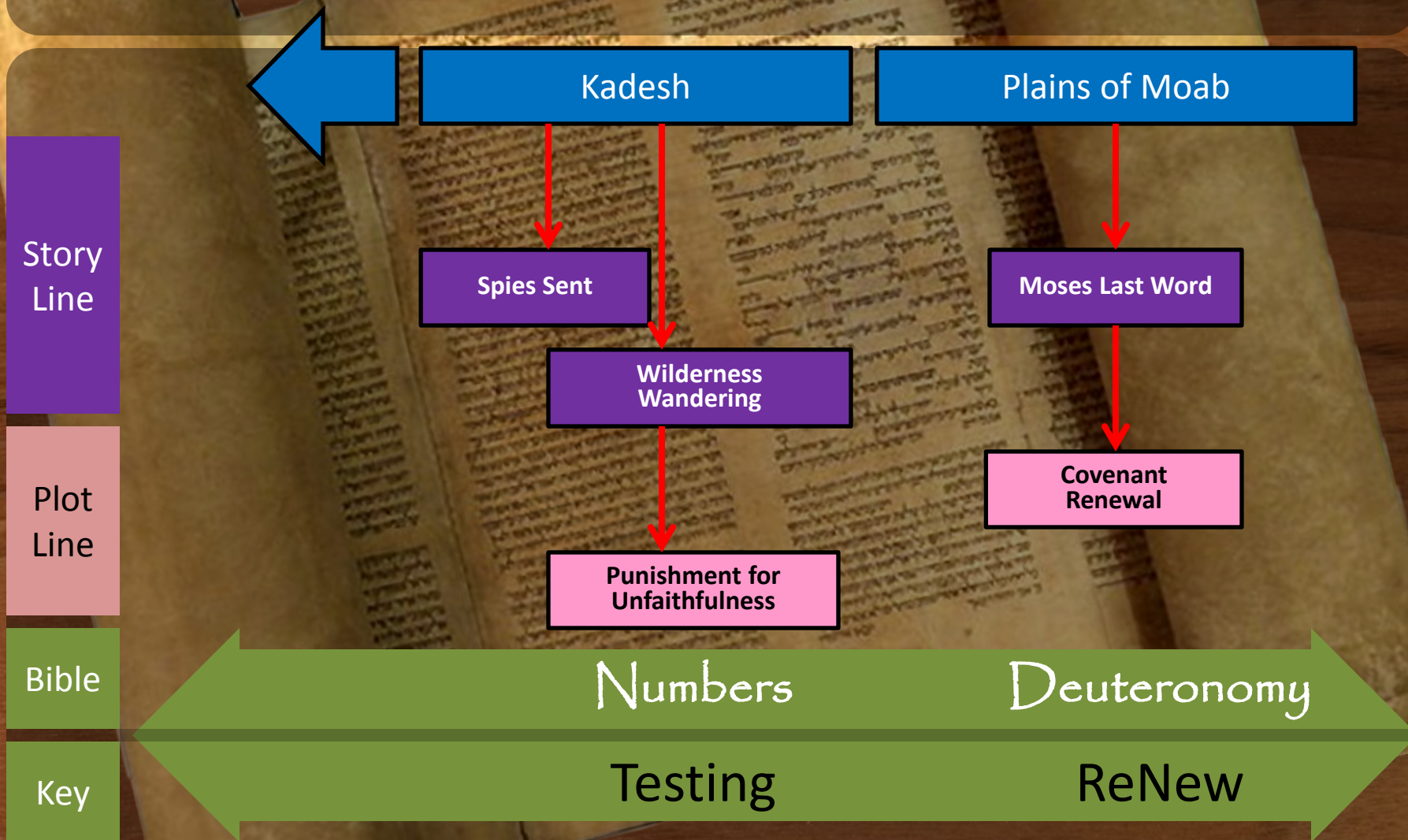
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Key Concepts

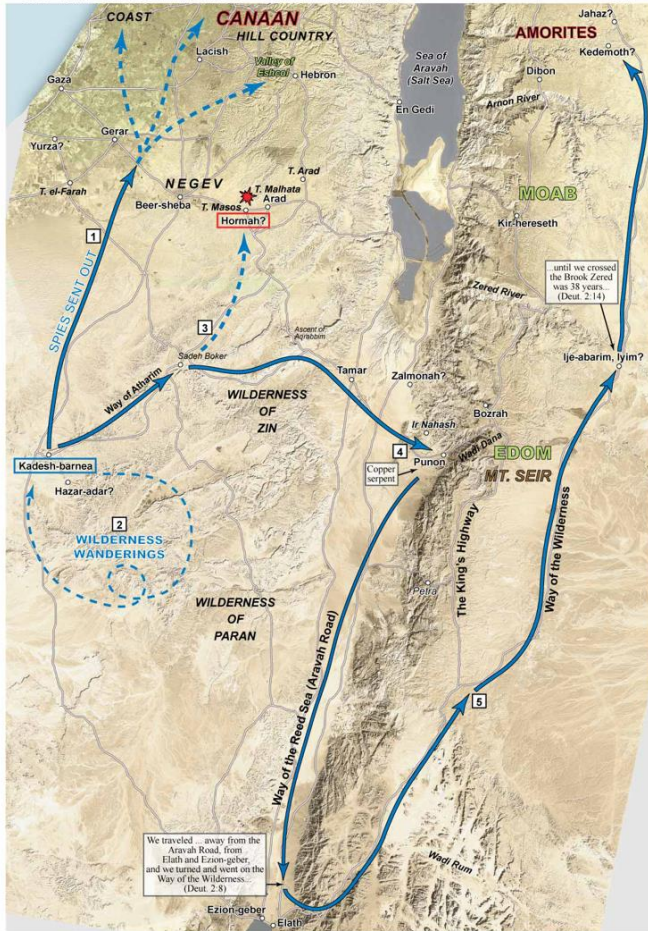
- Some generations fall and lose benefits and privileges, but God faithfully offers new opportunities for faithfulness
- Submission to God and trust in his plan and provision are essential to God's people.

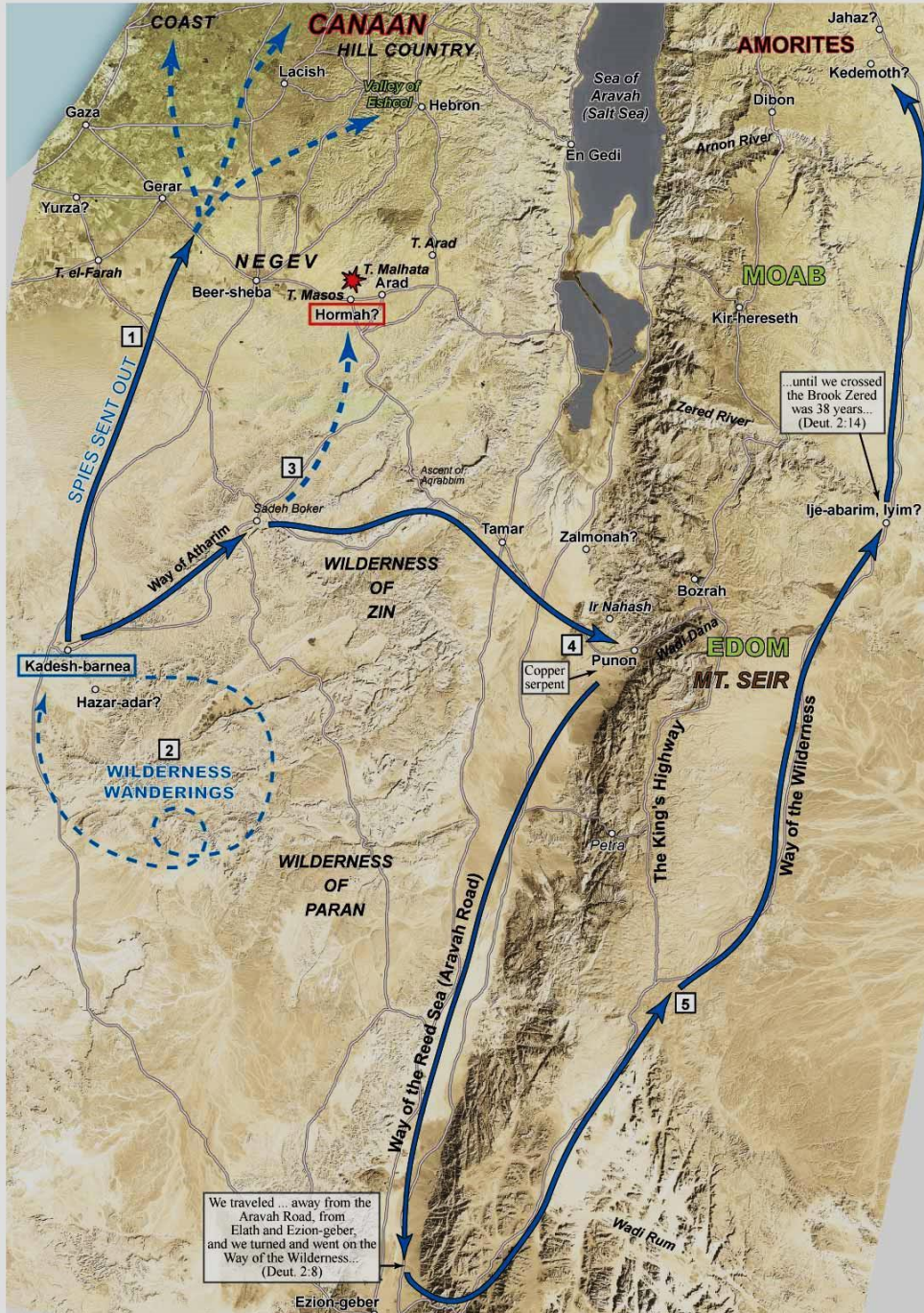
Key Teachings

- God established and maintains order in the cosmos.
- God overcomes obstacles to carry out his purposes.
- God reveals himself to his people
- God's grace exceeds all logic.

3-2 Israel in the Wilderness Date: 1445-1406 BC

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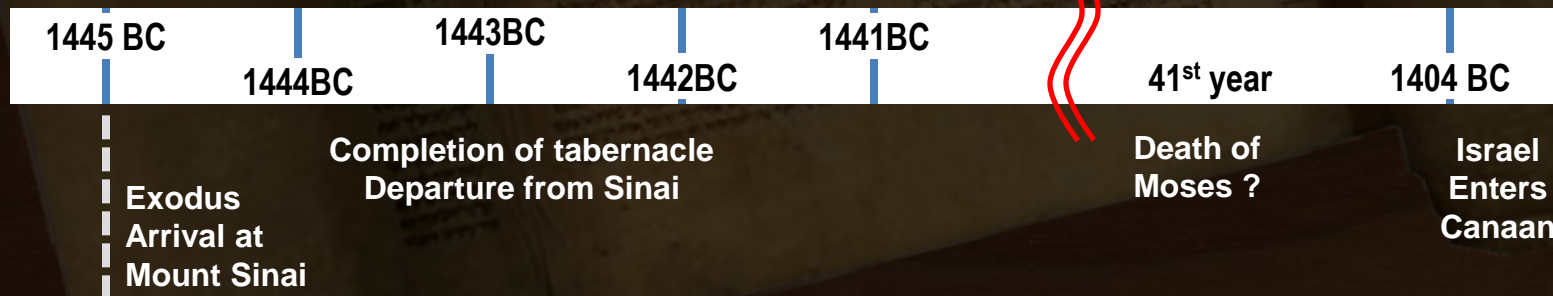
Key Terms:

Twelve Tribes

Nazirite

Levites

Wilderness
Promised Land
Holy War



Introductory Outline:

A. The first generation prepares to leave the mountain (1:1-10:10)

1. Census of the first generation (1-4)
2. Setting apart the people (5:1-10:10)

B. The Wilderness (10:11-21:35)

1. The failure of the first generation (10:11-14:45)
2. Laws and reflection during the 38 years in the wilderness (15-19)
3. The failure of the second generation (20-21)

C. The second generation Prepares to enter the Land of Promise (22-36)

1. The Threat from Moab (22-25)
2. Census of the second generation (26)
3. Review of the journey and preparation for possession of the land (27-36)

Chronological Markers in Numbers

Num 1:1	First Day, Second Month, Second Year
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Geographical and Generational Structure of Numbers

Sinai	Wilderness			Moab
First generation prepares for their journey	The failures of the first generation	The rebel generation disappears into the wilderness	The failures of the second generation	The second generation prepares to enter the land of promise
1:1-10:10	10:11-14:45	15-19	20-21	22-36

The Three primary Travel and Camp Narratives in the Torah

Read Sea to Sinai	Sinai	Sinai to Kadesh	Kadesh	Kadesh to Moab	Plains of Moab
Ex 13:17-19:1	Ex 19:2-Num 10:10	Num 10:11-12:16	Num 13-19	Num 20-21	Num 22-36

Themes of Sibling Rivalry Commentary – in Numbers vs Genesis

Numbers			Genesis
Ch. 1	The tribes took a military census to prepare to invade the land.	The tribal families of the brothers of Joseph will inherit the promised land.	50:24 13:15,17; 15:7,8,18; 26:3;28:13; 35:12
Ch. 2; 3	The camp was arranged around the tabernacle with the tribes of servant's sons and disgraced sons excluded from the privileged areas	Some of Leah's sons were disqualified and cursed.	49:3-7; 34:25-30; 35:22
Ch. 2; 3; 7; 13-14; 26:65	The tribe of Judah was the largest and was given the leading position for travel, worship, and camp. The Judah representative, Caleb, first believed God's word, along with the Ephraim representative Joshua.	Judah had a change of heart and offered himself for his brother, which effectively ended the prolonged fraternal feud. His descendant would rule all nations in the last days.	Chs. 43-44; 49:8-12
20:14-21; 24:18	The king of Edom refused Israel, and the Moabite women tried to seduce Israel	God gave Rebekah an oracle concerning her fighting sons. Jacob and Esau quarreled over the birth-right and the blessing.	25:23,27-34 Ch 27
Ch. 22-24; 25:1-5	Balak hired Balaam to curse Israel, and the Moabite woman tried to seduce Israel.	Lot's two youngest daughters seduced him to incest and conceived Moab and Ammon.	19:30-38
21:1-3, 10-35; 31:1-12	Israel defeated the Canaanite nations in the Transjordan part of the promised land.	Noah cursed Canaan, son of Ham, as servant to the people of Shem, ancestor of the Hebrews.	9:20-27